#### Review

# THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE PHILIPPINE RUBIACEAE

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In its several issues on biodiversity, *National Geographic* (2002) has featured the plethora of life in the Philippine rainforests, much like the richness of the Amazon jungles. In the article by Vesilind (2002: 62), the Philippines is identified as one of the world's 25 biodiversity hotspots where "a cauldron of fauna and flora boils..." and one of the listed eight "hottest hotspots" in terms of numbers of endemics, endemic species/area ratios and habitat loss (Myers et al., 2000). With very thick canopies in the jungles often soaked in monsoon waters year in and out, the more than 7,100 islands of the Philippines have been a friendly habitat to thousands of classified and yet to be discovered plant species. With the introduction of new species posing as predators to the indigenous species, with the unabated deforestation and animal hunting, the Philippines is fast becoming a microcosm of the world at the throes of the quarternary, sixth mass extinction it has yet to witness (Morell, 1999: 43).

With the depressing threats of extinction at hand, scientists all over the world are racing against time in order to catalogue the species before they become prey to extinction, and devise ways to avert their loss and reproduce their kind. In the Philippines, it is even depressing to find out that many treatments on plant species warrant revision and updating, and an accurately published catalogue on the Flora of the Philippines has yet to materialize (Madulid, pers. comm.). It is in this light, therefore, that we decided to take part in the cataloguing of the Philippine's indigenous species.

Among families of higher plants, Rubiaceae (or coffee family) is the fourth largest in number comprising ca. 660 genera with approximately 13,000 species of trees, shrubs, herbs, and twiners (Robbrecht, 1988). Its main distribution lies in the tropics, where its members often dominate the understorey of forests. Even though the family comprises numerous plants of economic importance such as major crops (e.g., coffee, *Coffea* L.), medicine (e.g., quinine, *Cinchona* L.), and a number of ornamentals (e.g., *Gardenia* Ellis., *Ixora* L., *Mussaenda* Burm. ex L.), the family, because of its size, is still incompletely known and undertreated. Many of its genera need revision and the complexity of subfamilial and tribal classification remains unsettled (Robbrecht, 1988; Alejandro and Liede, 2003). This large family is second to Orchidaceae in the Malesiana region with ca. 150 genera and ca. 1,830 species. In the Philippines, Rubiaceae is represented with 63 genera

and 527 species in Merrill's (1923) *Enumeration of Philippine Flowering Plants*. However, Merrill's (1923) work has long been outdated by the studies and revisions that resulted in the reestablishment and/or segregation of a number of genera involving the Philippine Rubiaceae (e.g., Bremekamp, 1940a-b; Ridsdale, 1978a-c, 1982, 1996; Tirvengadum, 1983; Wong, 1984; Ali and Robbrecht, 1991).

## A. The Philippine Rubiaceae

Rubiaceae has the largest number of indigenous species and four endemic genera (*Antherostele* Bremek., *Greeniopsis* Merr., *Sulitia* Merr., and *Villaria* Rolfe) among the Philippine dicotyledonous plants. Its species constitute the main component of the Philippine understorey plants. Since Merrill's (1923) monumental work, no updated account of the Philippine Rubiaceae has been done, and there has been no contribution of Rubiaceae for the Flora of the Philippines project (Madulid, pers. comm.). Because Merrill's (1923) work requires updating inclusive of generic descriptions essential to the understanding of Rubiaceae in the Philippines, it has become exigent to develop an automated databank under the DELTA system (DEscription Language for TAxonomy; Dallwitz et al., 1999). By doing so, the very first step towards a comprehensive treatment of the family for the island has been taken. The DELTA format is advantageous for a continuing project as large as the Philippine Rubiaceae because it is readily accessible and versatile enough to allow corrections and additions throughout the project.

Against a character list, generic descriptions of all the Philippine Rubiaceae genera are coded in DELTA format and translated into INTKEY database for interactive identification and information retrieval (Dallwitz et al., 1995, 2000). The descriptions combine mostly compiled data of Philippine Rubiaceae species, observations, and measurements on over 130 characters. Recently accepted classification (subfamily, tribes, and subtribes) and significant characters defined by Robbrecht (1988, 1993) are also integrated.

The development of an interactive key for all genera provides a welcome tool for all concerned with forest conservation, management and utilization to identify easily the main components of the patch of forest under investigation and obtain further information on the species involved. It also ascertains the comparability of this study with other research efforts both on the Philippine Flora and on the Taxonomy and Systematics of Rubiaceae worldwide.

Moreover, Alejandro and Liede (2003) summarizes the revisions on the Rubiaceae of Philippines after Merrill (1923) and incorporates additional genera resulting from reestablishment or segregation of generic concepts. It validates the new names and combinations, and taxonomic position of all recognized Philippine Rubiaceae genera that affords researchers to keep track of various nomenclatural and taxonomic changes. Therefore, this study provides a more updated and comprehensive account of Philippine Rubiaceae.

#### B. Revisions and prospects in Philippine Rubiaceae

For an extensive treatment of the Philippine Rubiaceae, it has become inevitable to compile revisionary works involving Philippine Rubiaceae in order to identify name and rank changes since Merrill (1923). By doing so, the treatment will keep track of the various nomenclatural and taxonomic changes and identify the Philippine Rubiaceae genera still wanting revision.

A number of generic revisions involving endemic species of Philippine Rubiaceae are available: Acranthera (Bremekamp, 1947a), Aidia (Ridsdale, 1996), Antirhea (Chaw and Darwin, 1992), Badusa (Ridsdale, 1982; Soejarto et al., 1996), Coelospermum (Johannson, 1988), Dolicholobium (Jansen and Ridsdale, 1983), Diplospora (Ali and Robbrecht, 1991), Discospermum (Ali and Robbrecht, 1991), Fagerlindia (Ridsdale, 1985), Knoxia (Bhattacharjee and Deb, 1985), Mitragyna (Ridsdale, 1978a), Myrmecodia (Huxley and Jebb, 1993), Myrmeconauclea (Ridsdale, 1978c), Myrmephytum (Huxley and Jebb, 1991), Mussaenda (Jayaweera, 1964), Nauclea (Ridsdale, 1978c), Neonauclea (Ridsdale, 1978b, 1989), Paederia (Puff, 1991), Pavetta (Bremekamp, 1934), Prismatomeris (Ridley, 1939; Johansson, 1987), Schradera (Puff et al., 1998), Scyphiphora (Puff et al., 1993), Streblosa (Bremekamp, 1947b), Uncaria (Ridsdale, 1978a), Wendlandia (Cowan, 1936). Colin Ridsdale, who worked for the Flora Malesiana project, made most of the revisions on Philippine Rubiaceae. His unpublished revisions to Greeniopsis, Hymenodictyon, Oxyceros, and Rothmannia are included in the list of Philippine Rubiaceae. Both Oxyceros and Rothmannia are new genera separated from the heterogenous assemblage of the now exclusively American Randia (Tirvengadum and Sastre, 1979; Ridsdale, 1996). Other new genera added to the Philippine Rubiaceae list are: Aidia (Ridsdale, 1996), Antherostele (Bremekamp, 1940a), Ceriscoides (Tirvengadum, 1983), Ludekia (Ridsdale, 1978c), Metadina (Ridsdale, 1978c), Pertusadina (Ridsdale, 1978c), Sulitia (Ridsdale, 1979), and Tarrenoideae (Tirvengadum and Sastre, 1979). Alejandro and Liede (2003) listed all new taxa and name changes in Philippine Rubiaceae species since Merrill (1923).

Meanwhile, three genera (*Praravinia*, *Tricalysia*, and *Urophyllum*) require meticulous reinvestigation. Bremekamp's (1940b) preliminary account on *Praravinia* and *Urophyllum*, both belonging to Urophylleae, Rubioideae, still make the endemic Philippine species lurk in anonymity to the present day. The Philippine *Tricalysia* species were all transferred to *Diplospora* (Coffeeae, Ixoroideae) leaving *Tricalysia* as an exclusively African genus (Ali and Robbrecht, 1991). However, generic position of some Phillippine *Tricalysia* species remains to be checked.

As a whole, the endemic Philippine Rubiaceae species of more than 15 genera are wanting revision: *Argostemma*, *Gynochthodes*, *Hedyotis* (=*Exallage*), *Hydnophytum*, *Ixora*, *Lasianthus*, *Morinda*, *Oldenlandia*, *Ophiorrhiza*, *Plectronia*, *Psychotria*, *Psydrax*, *Randia* (generic position of some Philippine species remains

unsettled), *Tarenna*, *Timonius*, and *Villaria*. Most of these are species-rich genera with several endemic Philippine species.

### C. Updated generic synopsis of the Philippine Rubiaceae

Recent evaluation for the Philippines resulted in a total of 80 genera (six of which are cultivated and four are endemic) or 12.1% of the Rubiaceae worldwide. The currently accepted three subfamilies of Rubiaceae (Cinchonoideae s. str.; Ixoroideae s. l., and Rubioideae) (Bremer, 1996) are all represented in the Philippines, Rubioideae having the largest number of genera. Of the 44 tribes recognized by Robbrecht (1988), the Philippine Rubiaceae represents 25 tribes.

The generic descriptions of all recognized Philippine Rubiaceae are coded in DELTA format (Dallwitz et al., 1999) and translated by the program into an interactive key (Dallwitz et al., 2000). The more than 130 characters include information on the type species, habit and morphology of both vegetative and reproductive parts, as well as breeding systems, particularly heterostyly (Bahadur, 1968, 1970), seed anatomy (Robbrecht, 1988), pollen structure (Robbrecht, 1988; Puff, 1993), chromosome base number and ploidy level (Kiehn, 1996), genus distribution, number of species with reference to the endemic Philippine species, and helpful references when available.

The user-friendly interactive key includes 120 characters; the reproductive parts (e.g., corolla aestivation types, fruit types) occupy the top list of best characters. Given that the treatment of Philippine Rubiaceae is a continuous project, the descriptions are continuously improved and revised in the database. Thus, new characters are added from time to time, and existing definitions are improved or rendered less inclusive as more accurate data become available. The characters and character states which are still undesirably inclusive or clumsy will be improved in due course. New images are added continuously for both characters and taxa. Against this background, an internet-accessible database has obvious advantages. Nevertheless, it represents the most updated generic synopsis of the Philippine Rubiaceae currently available on the Web at http://www.unibayreuth.de/departments/planta2/wgl/delta ru/index.html.

In addition to the table lists of new taxa, name changes, and taxonomic positions of the Philippine Rubiaceae (Alejandro and Liede, 2003), all accepted Philippine Rubiaceae are listed on Table 1.

Table 1. Updated lists of the Philippine Rubiaceae: (\*\*) endemic genera, (\*\*) cultivated genera, (\*) endemic species, (?) of uncertain position.

Acranthera Arn. ex Meisn.\*

A. philippinensis Merr.

#### Aidia Lour.

- A. acuminata (Blume) Wong
- A. auriculata (Wall.) Ridsdale [var. auriculata]
- A. bakeri (Merr.) Ridsdale
- A. foveata Ridsdale
- A. pulcherrima (Merr.) Ridsdale
- A. racemosa (Cav.) Tirveng.

Amaracarpus Blume

A. apoensis Elmer

## A. longifolius Elmer?

#### Antirhea Comm. ex Juss.

- A. attenuata (Elmer) Chaw
- A. benguetensis (Elmer) Val.
- A. caudata (M.E. Jansen) Chaw
- A. edanoi Chaw, A. foveolata Chaw
- A. hexasperma (Roxb.) Merr.
- A. livida Elmer
- A. microphylla (Bartl. ex DC.) Merr.
- A. paxillata Chaw
- A. philippinensis (Benth.) Rolfe
- A. ramosii Chaw
- A. tayabensis Chaw
- A. ternata Chaw

#### Antherostele \*\* Bremek.

- A. banahaensis (Elmer) Bremek.
- A. callophylla Bremek.
- A. luzoniensis (Merr.) Bremek.
- A. grandistipula (Merr.) Bremek.

## Argostemma Wall\*

- A. arachnosum Merr.
- \*A. maquilingense Elmer
- \*A. neesianum Walp.
- \*A. quadripetalum Elmer
- \*A. solaniflorum Elmer
- \*A. stenophyllum Merr.
- \*A. wallichii Walp.
- \*A. pedicellatum Elmer
- \*A. rupestrinum Elmer
- \*A umbellatum Elmer

## **Badusa** A. Gray [Excluded by Merill (1923)]

- B. palawanensis Ridsdale
- \*B. philippinensis Val.
- B. palauensis Val.

#### Bikkia Reinw. ex Blume

B. philippica (Cav.) S. Vidal

## Boholia Merr. \*

B. nematostylis Merr.

#### Borreria G. Mey.

B. hispida (L.) K. Schum.

- B. ocvmoides (Burm.f.) DC.
- B. verticillata (L.) G. Mey

#### Caelospermum Blume (=

Coelospermum)

C. volubile (Merr.) J.T. Johanss.

#### Canthium Lam.

- C. confertum Korth.
- C. diococcum (Gaertn.) Merr.
- C. horridum Blume

## Ceriscoides (Hook.f.) Tirveng.

C. curranii (Merr.) Tirveng.

#### Chassalia Comm. ex Poir.

C. curviflora (Wall.) Thw. [var. ophioxyloides (Wall.) Deb & Krishna]

## Cinchona\*\* L.

- C. calisaya Wedell
- C. officinalis L.
- C. pubescens Vahl.

## Coffea\*\* L.

- C. arabica L.
- C. liberica Hiern

#### Coptosapelta Korth.

\*C. olariformis (Merr.) Elmer

#### Cowiea Wernham

\*C. philippinensis Merr.

#### Damnacathus Gaertn.

D indicus Gaertn

#### **Dentella** Forst.D. repens (L.) Forst.

#### Diplospora DC.

- D. fasciculiflora (Elmer) Elmer
- D. puberula (Merr.) Ali & Robbr.
- D. sessilis Elmer [generic position to be determined]
- D. tinagoensis (Elmer) Ali & Robbr.

## Discospermum Dalz.

D.whitfordii (Elmer) Ali & Robbr.

## Dolicholobium A. Gray

D. philippinense Trel.

## Fagerlindia Tirveng.

F. emanuelssoniana Ridsdale

F. microcarpa (Bartl. ex DC.) Ridsdale

#### Galium L.

G. gaudicahaudii DC.

\*G. philippinense Merr.

#### Gardenia Ellis

G.. augusta (L.) Merr.

G. longiflora Vidal

G. pseudopsidium (Blanco) F. Vill.

G. segmenta Elmer

#### Geophila D.Don

G. herbacea (L.) K. Schum.

## Greenea Wight & Arn.

G., hirsuta Elmer

## *Greeniopsis* <sup>++</sup> Merr.

G. discolor Merr.

G. euphlebia Merr.

G. megalantha Merr.

G. multiflora (Elmer) Merr.

#### Guettarda L.

G. speciosa L.

## Guettardella Champ. ex Benth.

G., caudata M.E., Jansen

G., chinensis Benth.

## **Gynochtodes** <Blume>

\*G. lenticellata Rob.

\*G. mindanaensis Merr.

\*G. nigra Merr.

\*G. philippinensis Elmer

#### Hamelia\*\* Jacq.

## Hedyotis L.

\*H. apoensis Elmer

\*H. asperrima Merr.

\*H. atropurpurea Merr.

H. auricularia L.

\*H. hambusetorum Merr.

\*H. banksii Elmer

\*H. bartlingii Merr.

\*H. benguetensis Elmer

\*H. brachyantha Merr.

H. buruensis (Miq.) Val.

\*H. cagayanensis Merr.

\*H. camarinensis Merr.

\*H. catanduanensis Merr.

\*H caudata Merr

H. connata Wall.

H. costata (Roxb.) Kurz.

\*H. diffusissima Merr.

\*H. elmeri Merr.

\*H. eucapitata Merr.

\*H. filifolia Elmer

\*H. gitingensis Elmer

\*H. humilis Merr.

\*H. kingiana Elmer

\*H. laxiflora Merr.

\*H. longipedunculata Merr.

\*H. luzoniensis Merr.

\*H. macgregorii Merr.

\*H. magallanensis Elmer

\*H. microphylla Merr.

\*H. montana Merr.

\*H. oligantha Merr.

\*H. perphispida Elmer

\*H. phanerophlebia Merr.

H. philippensis (Willd.) Merr. ex

Rob. [var. meyeniana (Walp.) Merr.],

\*H. pilosissima Merr.

\*H. pulgarensis Elmer

\*H. radicans (DC.) Miq.

\*H. ramosii Merr.

H. rigida (Blume) Miq.

\*H. scaberrima Merr.

\*H. sibuyanensis Elmer

\*H. simplex Merr.

\*H. subevenosa Merr.

\*H. subvelutina Elmer

H. tenelliflora Blume

- H. verticillata (L.) Lam.
- \*H. whiteheadii Merr.
- \*H. yoderi Elmer

#### Hydnophytum Jack.

- \*H. angustifolium Merr.
- \*H. brachycladum Merr.
- H. formicarum Jack,
- \*H. intermedium Elmer
- \*H. leytense Merr.
- \*H. membranaceum Merr.
- \*H. mindanaense Elmer
- \*H. mindorense Merr.
- \*H. nitidum Merr.
- \*H. orbiculatum Elmer
- \*H. philippinense Becc.

## Hymenodictyon Wall.

H. orixense (Roxb.) Mabberly

## Hypobathrum Blume

- \*H. glomeratum (Bartl.) K.Schum.
- \*H. multibracteata Elmer
- \*H. purpureum (Elmer) Merr.

#### Ixora L.

- \*I. angustilimba Merr.
- \*I. auriculata Elmer
- \*I. bartlingii Elmer
- \*I. bibracteata Elmer
- \*I. capitulifera Merr.
- \*I. chartaceae Elmer
- I. chinensis Lam.
- I. coccinea L.
- \*I. confertiflora Merr.
- \*I. crassifolia Merr.
- I. cumingiana Vid.
- \*I. ebracteolata Merr.
- I. finlaysoniana Wall.
- I. fulgens Roxb.
- \*I. gigantifolia Elmer
- I. filipes Val. (I. gracilipes Merr.)
- \*I. ilocana Merr.
- \**I. inaequifolia* Rob.
- \*I. intermedia Elmer
- \*I. leucocarpa Elmer

- \*I. leytensis Elmer
- \*I. littoralis Merr.
- \*I. longissima Merr.
- \*I. longistipula Merr.
- \*I. luzoniensis Merr.
- \*I. macgregorii Rob.
- I. macrophylla Bartl.
- \*I. magnifica Elmer
- \*I. mearnsii Merr.
- \*I. mindanaensis Merr.
- \*I. myriantha Merr.
- \*I. oblongifolia Elmer
- \*I. palawanensis Merr.
- I. philippinensis Merr.
- \*I. pilosa Merr.
- I. gigantifolia Elmer (I. platyphilla Merr.)
- \*I. propingua Merr.
- I. rosea Wall.
- I. salicifolia (Blume) DC.
- \*I. samarensis Merr.
- I. sparsiflora Elmer
- \*I. tenuipedunculata Merr.

#### Knoxia L.

K. sumatrensis (Retz.) DC. var. sumatrensis

#### Lasianthus Jack.

- L. attenuatus Jack
- \*L. acuminatissimus Merr.
- L. clementis Merr.
- \*L. cyaneus Elmer
- L. cyanocarpus Jack.
- L. rigidus Miq.
- \*L. fordii Hance [var. microphyllus, var. fordii]
- L. sikkimensis Hook.f.
- L. verticillatus (Lour.) Merr.
- \*L. obliquinervis Merr.
- L. stipularis Blume
- L. tashiroi Mats.

#### Ludekia Ridsd.

L. bernardoi (Merr.) Ridsdale

### Metadina Bakh.f.

M. trichotoma (Zoll. & Mor.) Bakh.f.

#### Mitragyna Korth.

M. speciosa (Korth) Havil.

M. diversifolia (Wall. ex G.Don)
Havil

#### Morinda L.

\*M. bartlingii Elmer

M. bracteata Roxb.

M. celebica Miq.

M. citrifolia L.

\*M. coriacea Merr.

\*M. nitida Merr.

M. parvifolia Bartl.

\*M. philippinensis Elmer

\*M. platyphylla Merr.

M. tinctoria Roxb.

M. umbellata L.

#### Mussaenda Burm. ex. L.

\*M. acuminatissima Merr.

\**M. albiflora* Merr.

\*M. anisophylla Vidal

\*M. attenuifolia Elmer

\**M. benguetensis* Elmer

\**M. chlorantha* Merr.

\*M. grandifolia Elmer

\*M. lanata C.B. Rob.

M. macrophylla Wall.

\*M. magallanensis Elmer

M milleri Elmer

\*M. multibracteata Merr.

\*M. nervosa Elmer

\*M. palawanensis Merr.

\*M. philippica A. Rich.

\*M. philippica forma aurorae (Sulit)

\*M. philippinensis Merr.

\*M. pinatubensis Elmer

\*M. scandens Elmer

\*M setosa Merr

\*M. vidalii Elmer

M. macrophylla Wall. var. brevipilosa Jayaw.

#### Mycetia Reinw.

M. javanica (Blume) Korth.

## Myrmecodia Jack

M. tuberosa Jack

M. tuberosa Jack 'apoensis' C.R.

Huxley & Jebb

M. tuberosa Jack 'sibuyanenensis'

C.R. Huxley & Jebb

#### Nauclea L.

N. orientalis (L.) L.

N. robinsonii Merr.

N. subdita (Korth.) Steud.

#### Neonauclea Merr.

N. bartlingii (DC.) Merr. [var.

bartlingii, var. cumingiana

(S.Vidal) Ridsdale]

N. calycina (DC.) Merr.

N. circumscissa Ridsdale

N. formicaria (Elmer) Merr.

N. glabra (Roxb.) Bakh.f. &

Ridsdale

N. jagorii Merr.

N. kentii Merr.

N. lanceolata (Blume) Merr.

[subsp. lanceolata, subsp.

gracilis (S.Vidal) Ridsdale]

N. media (Havil.) Merr.

N. pseudocalycina Ridsdale

N. puberula Merr.

N. reticulata (Havil.) Merr.

N. wenzelii Merr.

#### Oldenlandia L.

O. biflora L.

\*O. brachyphylla Merr.

\*O. ciliata Elmer

O. corymybosa L.

O. diffusa (Willd.) Roxb.

O. herbacea (L.) D.C.

O. horneriana Miq.

O. pterita (Blume) Miq.

\*O. stenophylla Merr.

#### Ophiorrhiza L.

- \*O. acuminata DC.
- \*O. biflora Elmer
- \*O. caespitulosa Elmer
- \*O. curtiflora Elmer
- \*O. dolicophylla Merr.
- \*O. involucrata Elmer
- \*O. linearifolia Merr.
- \*O. macgregorii Merr.
- O. mungos L.
- \*O. oblongifolia DC.
- \*O. oblongilimba Merr.
- \*O. ovata Merr.
- \*O. pubescens Elmer
- \*O. pubiflora Merr.
- \*O. pulgarensis Elmer
- \*O. tenuis Merr.
- \*O. undulata Merr.
- \*O. venosa Merr.

#### Oxyceros Lour.

O. bispinosa (Griff.) Tirveng.

#### Paederia L.

- P. foetida L.
- P. verticillata Blume

#### Pavetta L.

- P. barnesii Elmer
- P. basilanensis Bremek.
- P. brachyantha Merr.
- P. cumingii Bremek.
- P. dolichostyla Merr.
- P. elmeri Merr.
- P. indica L.
- P. luzonica Bremek.
- P. mindanaensis Bremek.
- P. membranacea Blanco
- P. parvifolia Vidal
- P. phanerophlebia Merr.
- P. subferruginea Merr.
- P. williamsii Merr.

#### Pentas\*\* Benth

#### Pertusadina Ridsdale

P. multifolia (Havil.) Ridsdale

### Pleiocarpidia K. Schum.

P. lanaensis Merr.

## Posoqueria\*\* Aubl.

#### Praravinia Korth.

- P. acuminata (Merr.) Bremek.
- P. affinis (Merr.) Bremek.
- P. everettii Merr.
- P. glabra (Merr.) Bremek.
- P. loheri (Merr.) Bremek.
- P. longistipula (Merr.) Bremek.
- P. lucbanensis (Elmer) Bremek.
- P. microphylla (Merr.) Bremek.
- P. mimica (Merr.) Bremek.
- P. mindanaensis (Elmer) Bremek.
- P. multinervia (Merr.) Bremek.
- P. negrosensis (Merr.) Bremek.
- P. panayensis (Merr.) Bremek.
- P. pubescens (Quisumb. & Merr.) Bremek.
- P. quadribracteolata (Merr.) Bremek.
- P. sablanensis (Elmer) Bremek.
- P. stenophylla (Merr.) Bremek.
- P. triflora (Quisumb. & Merr.)
  Bremek
- P. viridescens (Elmer) Bremek.

#### **Prismatomeris** Thw.

- P. brachypus Ridl.
- P. obtusifolia Merr.
- P. tetranda (Roxb.) K. Schum. subsp. tetranda J.T Johanns.
- P. tetranda (Roxb.) K. Schum. var. philippinensis Ridl.

## Psychotria L.

- \*P. acuminatissima Elmer
- \*P. alvarezii Merr.
- \*P. amaracarpoides Merr.
- \*P. amplissima Merr.
- \*P.arborescens Elmer
- \*P. balabacensis Merr.

- \*P. banahaensis Elmer
- \*P. bataanensis Elmer
- \*P. bontocensis Merr.
- \*P. cadigensis Merr.
- \*P. cagayanensis Merr.
- \*P. camarinensis Merr.
- \*P. capizensis Merr.
- \*P. cardiophylla Merr.
- \*P. castanea Merr.
- \*P. cephalophora Merr.
- \*P. chasalioides Merr.
- \*P. cordatula Merr.
- \*P. crispipila Merr.
- \*P. cuernosensis Elmer
- \*P. depauperata Merr.
- \*P. diffusa Merr.[var. agusanensis (Elmer) Merr., var. cervina Merr.]
- \*P. edanoii Merr.
- \*P. elliptifolia Elmer
- \*P. elliptilimba Merr.
- \*P. epiphytica Elmer
- \*P. euphlebia Merr.
- \*P. fasciculiflora Merr.
- \*P. fenicis Merr.
- \*P. fusca Merr.
- \*P. gitingensis Elmer
- \*P. gracilipes Merr.
- \*P. heteromera Merr.
- \*P. ilocana Merr.
- \*P. isarogensis (Merr.)
- \*P. iwahigensis Elmer
- \*P. ixoroides Bartl. ex DC.
- \*P. lagunensis Merr.
- \*P. lanaensis Merr.
- \*P. lancilimba Merr.
- P. leptothyrsa Miq.
- \*P. lianoides Elmer
- \*P. linearis Bartl. ex DC.
- \*P. loheri Elmer
- \*P. longipedicellata Elmer
- \*P. longipetiolata Merr.
- \*P. lucida Merr.
- \*P. luconiensis (Cham. & Schlecht.)
  F.-Vill.

- \*P. macgregorii Merr.
- \*P. magnifolia Merr.
- P. malayana Jack.
- \*P. manillensis Bartl. ex DC.
- \*P. mearnsii Merr.
- \*P. membranifolia Bartl. ex DC.
  - [var. elmeri Merr.]
- \*P. microphylla Elmer
- \*P. mindanaensis Merr.
- \*P. mindorensis Elmer
- \*P. nagapatensis Merr.
- \*P. negrosensis Elmer
- \*P. nitens Merr.
- \*P. obscurinervia Merr.
- \*P. ovalis Elmer
- \*P. palawanensis Elmer
- \*P. pallidifolia Merr.
- \*P. paloensis Elmer
- \*P. panayensis Merr.
- \*P. papillata Merr.
- \*P. pauciflora Bartl. ex DC.
- \*P. paucinervia Merr.
- \*P. phanerophlebia Merr.
- \*P. pilosella Elmer,
- \*P. pinnatinervia Elmer
- \*P. piperi Merr.
- \*P. plumeriaefolia Elmer
- \*P. propingua Merr.
- \*P. pygmaea Merr.
- \*P. pyramidata Elmer
- \*P. radicans Merr.
- \*P. ramosii Merr.
- \*P. ramosissima Elmer
- \*P. repens Elmer
- \*P. rigidaefolia (Elmer) Merr.
- \*P. rizalensis Merr.
- \*P. rubiginosa Elmer
- \*P. samarensis Merr.
- \*P. sarcocarpa Merr.
- \*P. scaberula Merr.
- \*P. sibuyanensis Elmer
- \*P. similis Elmer
- \*P. subalpina Elmer
- \*P. subsessiliflora Elmer

- \*P. tayabensis Elmer
- \*P. tricarpa Merr.
- \*P. urdanentensis Elmer
- \*P. vanoverberghii Merr.
- \*P. velutina Elmer
- \*P. versicolor Elmer
- \*P. voluta Elmer
- \*P. weberi Merr.
- \*P. wenzelii Merr.
- \*P. yatesii Merr.

## Rondeletia\*\*L.

#### Rothmannia Thunb.

- R. graciliflora (Merr.) Ridsdale
- R. lagunensis (Merr.) Ridsdale
- R. leytensis Ridsdale
- R. Merr.ii (Elmer) Ridsdale

#### Rubia L.

R. cordifolia L.

## Saprosma Blume

\*S. philippinense Elmer

#### **Schradera** Vahl. (Lucinaea DC.)

- S. monocephala (Merr.) Puff, Buchner & Greimler
- S. elmeri Puff, Buchner & Greimler

#### Scyphiphora Gaertn.f.

S. hydrophyllacea Gaertn.f.

## Spermacoce L.

- S. hispida L.
- S. ocymoides Burm.f.
- S. verticillata L.

#### Streblosa Korth.

\*S. palawanensis Bremek. [var. Merr.i Bremek., var. elmeri Bremek.]

S. axilliflora Merr. [var. angustifolia Bremek., var. latifolia Bremek., var. laxiflora Bremek.]

#### Sulitia ++ Merr.

\*Sulitia obscurinervia (Merr.) Ridsdale

#### Tarenna Gaertn.

- T. bakeri (Merr.) Bremek.
- T. luzoniensis (D. Vidal) Bremek.
- T. meyeri (Elmer) Bremek.
- T. multinervia (Merr.) Bremek.
- T. pubescens (Bartl.) Bremek.

#### Villaria ++ Rolfe

- \*V. acutifolia (Elmer) Merr.
- \*V. glomerata (Bartl. ex DC.) Mulyan. & Ridsdale
- \*V. odorata (Blanco) Merr.
- \*V. philippinensis Rolfe
- \*V. rolfei Vidal

#### Wendlandia Bartl. ex DC.

- W. brachyantha Merr.
- W. luzoniensis DC. [var. membranifolia (Elmer) Cowan, var. williamsii (Merr.) Cowan]
- W. nervosa Merr.
- W. philippinensis Cowan
- W. syringoides Cowan
- W. sibuyanensis Cowan
- W. warburgii Merr.

## Xanthophytum Reinw. ex Blume

- X. ferrugineum (DC.) Merr.
- X. fruticulosum Blume

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